

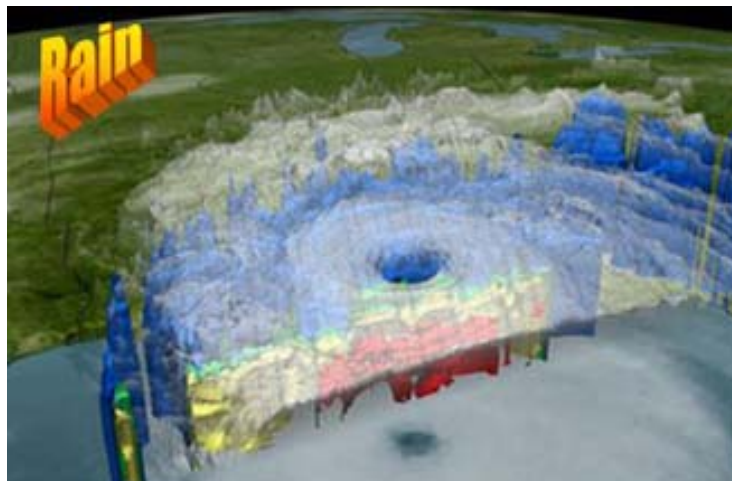
Safety Message Narrative:

We will be involved in various processes and this may provide some assistance to those who will be involved in briefing personnel that will be required to travel in and out of various areas....

Firefighters need to be aware of the potential for personal violence directed against them while they are engaged in Logistics, Planning or Operations and be alert to the warning signs during personal encounters with individuals. They also need to be aware of potential criminal activity (e.g., illegal dumping, illegal road barricades, property vandalism, terrorist threats or actions, marijuana cultivation, etc.) in remote areas of public lands, roads or buildings, and be prepared to leave the area immediately as persons engaged in such criminal activity can be hostile and violent if discovered.

If a firefighter meets a member of the public who is hostile, the employee should:

- Be polite and non-threatening,
- Do not try to reason with potentially violent individuals,
- Leave the area as soon as possible,
- Report the incident to their supervisor, dispatch and law enforcement authorities.



The vast majority of public land users and protestors are courteous and friendly, and want to use public lands properly and legally to spread their message. Most firefighter contact with them will be friendly and educational to both parties. Firefighters should be aware of the fact that there are exceptions to this rule, and should cultivate a situational awareness when they are in the field.

If a firefighter feels at all uneasy or uncertain about a situation in the field, they should not be embarrassed to leave the area. Firefighter safety and health are always primary considerations on the job.

Good Preplanning should keep our folks out of expected problem areas!!! Note: It is unlawful for anyone to physically or verbally abuse a Federal employee who is acting within the scope of their duties—notify law enforcement at once if either occurs.